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SHANGHAI.
The floating bridge from Choboo to a zoological curiosity in the shape of a young seal, which was the object of the visit, is small, of a light grey color, and her head much resembles that of the ordinary Chinese dog. She appears to be of a retiring disposition.

—*Shanghai Courier.*
We hear that the members of the Yunnan mission party, as the result of their experience, that the river to Chungking is navigable, at the time of the year when the water is high, by steamers capable of performing 16 tons. There was a quantity of water, but the bottom is so rocky that nothing is out of the question; and rocks are scattered under water, preventing the light draught boats from passing. The more safely the river will run. The fairway is narrow, and is constantly impeded by heavily laden down-bound junks, propelled by a few tows on the banks of the river, and consequently very little manœuvring. —*N. O. Daily News.*

CHINKIANG. 10th January.
As you have probably heard, our annual election of Municipal Council took place on the 15th, and was very closely contested. A Report of the meeting of the Council will not appear in your columns; though the petty party, which would have given you some amusement, will, unfortunately for you, though fortunately for the Council, be left to the imagination of the Chinese. The new Council is visible on all sides, and I am happy to say it is generally thought setting day will pass over well. Whether the results of the past year have been satisfactory to the public mind, however, doubtful; I should imagine from what I hear, that the public has not been up to expectations. The great bugbear, excessive taxation at the various levies, has been the subject of more than a decided objection on the part of native officials. To the public mind, it is evident, and which I regret our officials do not combat more energetically.

Speaking of officials reminds me that the new Council officers are progressing rapidly, and when completed they will imagine compare favorably with any of the Councils hitherto in the history of the city. The new Council have a fine opportunity of showing their ability in the management of the city.

Native opinion appears to be taking a good hold here. Quantities are steadily pouring in, and considering the low price of the foreign goods, our Indian Government will soon have to take this into consideration.

Five months ago, the weather was looking forward to a few days' floating during the coming holidays. Pigs are said to be plentiful, and I can only hope the weather will hold up, to allow us all to enjoy ourselves. —*N. O. Daily News Correspondent.*

CHEFOO.
The steamer "Peking" arrived at Chefoo on the 17th inst. Everything is going on well. Weather delightful, but cold; the thermometer falling, it might, to 2 to 5 degrees below zero. —*N. O. Herald.*

TIENTSIN. 28th December.
The departure of the "Millet" about two weeks since marked the departure of navigation for the year. The "Millet" was a small steamer of the ice cross the shallow Peiho at regular intervals, and by the general absence of any fluid substance on that Taku Bar which is for ever and ever celebrated in immortal doggerel, it is clear that the winter is now in its full force. The "Millet" was a small steamer of the ice cross the shallow Peiho at regular intervals, and by the general absence of any fluid substance on that Taku Bar which is for ever and ever celebrated in immortal doggerel, it is clear that the winter is now in its full force. The "Millet" was a small steamer of the ice cross the shallow Peiho at regular intervals, and by the general absence of any fluid substance on that Taku Bar which is for ever and ever celebrated in immortal doggerel, it is clear that the winter is now in its full force.

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NEWHONGKONG. 22nd December.
We are experiencing a very early and severe winter, and, unless there be a change soon, it must be pronounced a very bad one. The river was frozen on the 12th inst. and the ice was so thick that it was impossible to pass. The river was frozen on the 12th inst. and the ice was so thick that it was impossible to pass.

NANKING. 21st January.
One of the signs of official life in the portion of the Middle Kingdom is the rebuilding of the large bridge opposite the South Gate. At the time the old one was built (and who knows when that was) the stream was much wider than it is at present, and it was necessary to have five arches. Now three arches could span it, and be both cheaper and better, but "Old Oulton" must be carried out, and hence the new bridge is being built with two of them will be over dry land, and the others two small for any large boat to go under. However, it is employing a number of hands and so far doing good.

slaughter-house near where he had been employed. He lay there all day, and during the evening died. How to account for his death was a matter of some difficulty, but it was soon ascertained that he had been killed by a snake which was found near his body. The snake was a large one, and it was found that it had been in the house for some time. The snake was a large one, and it was found that it had been in the house for some time.

I noticed a paragraph in one of your issues about the death of a man, which might be of interest to you. It was a man named "Old Oulton" who had been employed at a slaughter-house near where he had been employed. He lay there all day, and during the evening died. How to account for his death was a matter of some difficulty, but it was soon ascertained that he had been killed by a snake which was found near his body.

PEKING. 5th January.
The only news worthy of note is that Mr. Arai, the new Japanese Minister Plenipotentiary, arrived yesterday from Choboo. He left that place on the 15th December, accompanied by his staff of three or four persons, and by Mr. Ikida, the Japanese Consul-General. The Chinese are looking anxiously for snow, as the most obstinate drought has prevailed since the beginning of December. With the exception of a few windy days, the weather has been very mild. —*N. O. Daily News Correspondent.*

It is related that a New Hampshire minister recently preached the following sermon: "I seem to see John passing along the road to Nineveh; I seem to see him entering the ticket office, by his ticket, I seem to see him walking up the stairs, I seem to see him going to the top of the steeple, and the steeple itself moves gradually up the broad Atlantic."

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.
MONDAY, 31st January.
Sales of New Patna to-day have been next to nothing, the rate for it keeps steady, notwithstanding the fact that the market is very tight. Some sales of New Patna to-day have been next to nothing, the rate for it keeps steady, notwithstanding the fact that the market is very tight.

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SALES ON JANUARY 31ST, AS REPORTED BY CHINESE.
Cantonese (interior) 30-packets, at \$23.50, by Kwong-chong to travelling trader.
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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON via SUEZ CANAL	Prism (str.)	W. J. L. L.	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	On or about 8th inst.
NEW YORK	Oriskany	W. J. L. L.	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
SAN FRANCISCO via YAMAGUCHI	Oriskany	W. J. L. L.	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
DO.	Oriskany	W. J. L. L.	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
PORTLAND (OREGON)	Oriskany	W. J. L. L.	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
SINGAPORE, BOMBAY, & C.	Oriskany	W. J. L. L.	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
BANGKOK	Oriskany	W. J. L. L.	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA	Oriskany	W. J. L. L.	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
SEIOGAH	Oriskany	W. J. L. L.	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
AMOI	Oriskany	W. J. L. L.	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
SAWTOO, AMOI & FOOSHOW	Oriskany	W. J. L. L.	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "ORISKANY," Captain OSMAN, with Her Majesty's Mail, is expected to arrive at Hongkong, on the 15th inst., at 3 p.m.	Oriskany	W. J. L. L.	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	Quick despatch.
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A mail will close
For Swatow, *Per Rajah*, to-day, the 1
at 3.30 A.M.
For Canton, Amoy, and Foochow—
Keanyang, to-day, the 1st inst., at 5 P.M.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET

The English Contract Packet *ORISKANY*
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The following will be the hours of closing for
Mails, &c. —

Wednesday, 2nd February.
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.
6 P.M., Post Office closes except the **NIPO**
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 3rd February.
7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Post-
ing of all correspondence.
10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Letters
to the Registry of Letters closes.
10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted on payment
of a LATE FEE of 18 cents extra
Postage, until —

11 A.M., Post Office CLOSURE.

